



Montana Legislative History

Chapter: 513 Session L: 2005

Bill Number: HB 701

Checklist of Bill History

History and Final Status Sheet	x
Introduced Bill	X
Fiscal Note	na
Third Reading Bill	X
Final Version of Bill	X

House

Committee:
Judiciary

Hearing Date(s):
Feb. 17, 2005

Senate

Committee:
Judiciary
Hearing Date(s):
March 9, 2005

Conference Committee

Hearing Date(s): n/a

Compiler Notes

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hearings.

Summary

Sponsoredby: **Noennig, Mark**
(R) HD 46

Progress		
Status	Date	Passed
Introduced	02/14/05	✓
Passed (H) Committee	02/17/05	✓
Passed House	02/21/05	✓
Passed (S) Committee	03/10/05	✓
Passed Senate	03/12/05	✓
To Governor	04/19/05	✓

Draft #	LC2252
Amendment(s)	No
Chapter #	513
Current Status	Chapter Number Assigned
Co-Sponsor(s)	None
Drafter	Lane, Valencia

Requester	Noennig, Mark
Fiscal Note	No
Preintroduction Required	No
Category	General Bills
Subject(s)	Estates and Trusts,
Transmittal Date	03/01/05
Return Date	04/06/05

Sections Affected	Effective Date	Qualifier
All Sections	04/28/2005	

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Status

Date	Action	Committee	Yes Votes	No Votes
04/29/05	Chapter Number Assigned			
04/28/05	(H) Signed by Governor			
04/19/05	(H) Transmitted to Governor			
04/19/05	(S) Signed by President			
04/18/05	(H) Signed by Speaker			
04/16/05	(C) Printed - New Version Available			
04/16/05	(H) Returned from Enrolling			
04/14/05	(H) Sent to Enrolling			
04/14/05	(H) 3rd Reading Passed as Amended by Senate		92	8
04/14/05	(H) Scheduled for 3rd Reading			
04/13/05	(H) 2nd Reading Senate Amendments Concurred		96	3
04/13/05	(H) Scheduled for 2nd Reading			
03/12/05	(S) Returned to House with Amendments			
03/12/05	(S) 3rd Reading Concurred		48	0
03/12/05	(S) Scheduled for 3rd Reading			

Date	Action	Committee	Yes Votes	No Votes
03/11/05	(S) 2nd Reading Concurred on Voice Vote		50	0
03/11/05	(S) Scheduled for 2nd Reading			
03/10/05	(C) Printed - New Version Available			
03/10/05	(S) Committee Report--Bill Concurred as Amended	(S) Judiciary		
03/10/05	(S) Committee Executive Action--Bill Concurred as Amended	(S) Judiciary	12	0
03/09/05	(S) Hearing	(S) Judiciary		
02/22/05	(S) Referred to Committee	(S) Judiciary		
02/22/05	(S) First Reading			
02/21/05	(H) Transmitted to Senate			
02/21/05	(H) 3rd Reading Passed		86	13
02/21/05	(H) Scheduled for 3rd Reading			
02/19/05	(H) 2nd Reading Passed		69	30
02/19/05	(H) Scheduled for 2nd Reading			
02/17/05	(H) Committee Report--Bill Passed	(H) Judiciary		
02/17/05	(H) Committee Executive Action--Bill Passed	(H) Judiciary	16	2
02/17/05	(H) Hearing	(H) Judiciary		
02/14/05	(C) Introduced Bill Text Available Electronically			

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02/14/05	(H) Referred to Committee	(H) Judiciary		
02/14/05	(H) First Reading			
02/14/05	(H) Introduced			
02/12/05	(C) Draft Delivered to Requester			
02/12/05	(C) Draft Ready for Delivery			
02/11/05	(C) Draft in Assembly/Executive Director Review			
02/11/05	(C) Draft in Final Drafter Review			
02/11/05	(C) Bill Draft Text Available Electronically			
02/11/05	(C) Draft in Input/Proofing			
02/11/05	(C) Draft to Drafter - Edit Review [SAB]			
02/11/05	(C) Draft in Edit			
02/10/05	(C) Draft in Legal Review			
02/07/05	(C) Draft to Requester for Review			
01/14/05	(C) Draft Request Received			

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Date	Status
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Fiscal Documents	
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Fiscal Rebuttals	
No matching results found	

Amendments

Amendment	Condensed Version
No Amendments found	

Documents And Links

Previous Versions

[HB0701_x.pdf](#)

[HB0701_2.pdf](#)

[HB0701_1.pdf](#)

Other

None

(3) to achieve the purposes of subsections (1) and (2) in a family environment whenever possible, separating the youth from the parents only when necessary for the welfare of the youth or for the safety and protection of the community;

(4) to provide judicial procedures in which the parties are ensured a fair, accurate hearing and recognition and enforcement of their constitutional and statutory rights.”

Section 2. Effective date. [This act] is effective on passage and approval.

Approved April 28, 2005

CHAPTER NO. 513

[HB 701]

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Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Montana:

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(a) ~~an authenticated copies copy~~ of the personal representative's appointment and of any official bond given;

(b) an inventory of the property of the nonresident decedent located in this state, which must contain the information prescribed in 72-3-607; and

(c) an affidavit stating:

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Section 7. Retroactive applicability. [Section 4] applies retroactively, within the meaning of 1-2-109, to deaths occurring after December 31, 2004, for which the probate of the decedents' estates closes after [the effective date of this act].

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I hereby certify that the within bill,
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Chief Clerk of the House

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Signed this _____ day
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MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 59th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN DIANE RICE**, on February 17, 2005 at 7:00 A.M., in Room 137 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Diane Rice, Chairman (R)
Rep. Paul Clark, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Ron Stoker, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Arlene Becker (D)
Rep. Robyn Driscoll (D)
Rep. George Everett (R)
Rep. Gail Gutsche (D)
Rep. Christopher Harris (D)
Rep. Roger Koopman (R)
Rep. Michael Lange (R)
Rep. Tom McGillvray (R)
Rep. Mark E. Noennig (R)
Rep. Art Noonan (D)
Rep. John Parker (D)
Rep. Jon Sonju (R)
Rep. John Ward (R)
Rep. Bill Wilson (D)
Rep. Jeanne Windham (D)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: John MacMaster, Legislative Branch
Pam Schindler, Committee Secretary

Please Note. These are summary minutes. Testimony and discussion are paraphrased and condensed.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 617, 693, 695, 697, 701, HR 2,
2/10/2005

Executive Action: HB 697, 561-Tabled, HR 2, HB 701-Do Pass; HB 520, 695-Do Pass As Amended; HB 222, 659-"Silver Bullets"

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 561

Motion: REP. HARRIS moved that HB 561 DO PASS.

Discussion:

The committee discussed the bill as to the deterrent factor, mistakes that could be made and the theory that "death is too good" for these offenders.

Vote: Motion HB 561 failed 8-10 by roll call vote with REP. BECKER, REP. CLARK, REP. DRISCOLL, REP. GUTSCHE, REP. HARRIS, REP. NOONAN, REP. WILSON, and REP. WINDHAM voting aye. (REPS. EVERETT, KOOPMAN, LANGE, MCGILLVRAY voted by proxy vote.)

Motion/Vote: REP. CLARK moved that HB 561 BE TABLED AND THE VOTE REVERSED. Motion carried unanimously.

{Tape: 5; Side: A; Approx. Time Counter: 100 - 275}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 240

Motion: REP. CLARK moved that HB 240 DO PASS. CHAIRMAN RICE did not recognize REP. CLARK'S motion.

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Counter: 275 - 300}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 520

Motion: REP. WILSON moved that HB 520 DO PASS.

Motion: REP. CLARK moved that HB 520 BE AMENDED on Page 4, Lines 28-29.

Discussion:

Mr. MacMaster explained the amendment to the committee members.

Motion: Motion carried 12-6 by voice vote with REP. EVERETT, REP. KOOPMAN, REP. LANGE, REP. MCGILLVRAY, REP. RICE, and REP. STOKER voting no. (REPS. EVERETT, LANGE, KOOPMAN, MCGILLVRAY voted by proxy vote.)

Motion: REP. CLARK moved that HB 520 DO PASS AS AMENDED.

Discussion:

The committee discussed HB 520 at length.

(REP. EVERETT here, REP. HARRIS absent.)

Motion/Vote: REP. NOENNIG moved that HB 520 BE AMENDED with a Conceptual Amendment for Page 4, Line 30. Motion carried by voice vote. (REPS. KOOPMAN, LANGE, MCGILLVRAY voted by proxy vote.)

Motion/Vote: REP. GUTSCHE moved that HB 520 DO PASS AS AMENDED. Motion carried 12-6 by roll call vote with REP. EVERETT, REP. KOOPMAN, REP. LANGE, REP. MCGILLVRAY, REP. RICE, and REP. STOKER voting no. (REPS. HARRIS, KOOPMAN, LANGE, MCGILLVRAY voted by proxy vote.)

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{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Counter: 0 - 175}

HEARING ON HB 693

Sponsor: REP. JACK WELLS, HD 69, BOZEMAN

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

REP. JACK WELLS (R), HD 69, opened the hearing on HB 693, Citizen self-defense and firearms rights. REP. WELLS explained the nine sections of HB 693. The REPRESENTATIVE also related the story of his nephew in Oklahoma.

{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Counter: 175 - 500}

Proponents' Testimony:

Gary Marbut, Montana Shooting Sports Association, rose in support of HB 693 and spoke to the committee about the training that he does for the various agencies and departments and how this bill is about inalienable rights. He also related a story to the committee about the woman in Billings who was charged criminally for using her firearm at her home.

[EXHIBIT\(juh39a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(juh39a02\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(juh39a03\)](#)

{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Counter: 0 - 218}

Doug Nulle, self, rose in support of HB 693.

{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Counter: 218 - 237}

Gilda Clancy, Montana Womens Shooting Association, rose in support and said that she had been trained by Mr. Marbut.

{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Counter: 237 - 250}

Harris Himes, Montana Family Coalition, rose in support of HB 693.

{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Counter: 250 - 259}

Charles Robison, self, stated that as a student of gun laws, he is in support of HB 693.

{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Counter: 259 - 269}

Opponents' Testimony:

Randy Morris, State Personnel Division-Department of Administration, spoke in opposition to HB 693. He stated that there have been 693 workplace homicides nationwide with 487 of them being done by shooting. He also informed the committee that 31% of these deaths are at the Local, State and Federal government workplaces.

{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Counter: 269 - 327}

Marty Lambert, Montana County Attorney Association, rose to oppose HB 693 and spoke to the committee members about the bill. HB 693 would give the upper-hand to people who abuse firearms.

Mr. Lambert stated that this bill is a radical departure from laws that have been around for 215 years. He further spoke to the issue of returning the firearms in seizures of property and why that particular statute would be exempted if HB 693 were to pass.

{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Counter: 327 - 440}

Jim Kembel, Montana Association of Chiefs of Police, Montana Police Protective Association, rose in opposition to HB 693.

{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Counter: 440 - 456}

Wade Sykowski, self, rose in opposition to HB 693.

{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Counter: 456 - 500}

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

REP. KOOPMAN began his questions of Mr. Marbut by asking about an "affirmative defense" in relation to this bill. The REPRESENTATIVE and Mr. Marbut discussed self defense, probable cause and the constitutional right to "bear arms."

REP. HARRIS asked Mr. Marbut to supply the committee a list of the expert witnesses he spoke of, a list of the over zealous prosecutors he was speaking of earlier, and the Billings woman who was charged with assault and intimidation for her use of a firearm at her residence.

REP. NOONAN spoke with the sponsor about the concealed weapons provisions using a holster, etc.

REP. CLARK queried Mr. Lambert about Section 4, Page, 2, Lines 15-16 regarding the seizure of the evidence. **Mr. Lambert** stated that the seizing of a weapon would not be a problem in reference to evidence procurement. They continued their conversation about the seizing of weapons. **Mr. Lambert** remarked that only in domestic violence incidents, are all the weapons taken by law enforcement.

REP. CLARK asked Mr. Lambert if it would be problematic to have firearms in vehicles; **Mr. Lambert** responded, "...he could see both sides of the argument...."

REP. GUTSCHE spoke with John Connor about his familiarity with the story of the Billings woman where she was arrested and about the current statute about justifiable force.

EXHIBIT(juh39a04)

{Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Counter: 0 - 378}

Closing by Sponsor:

REP. WELLS closed the hearing on HB 693 by saying that when the employees leave their guns at home; it is then that the workplace is not safe. Further, the REPRESENTATIVE stated that this bill would not give the abusers a break regarding firearms. **REP. WELLS** made his final statement and said, "The threat that you may have firearms will deter criminals."

EXHIBIT(juh39a05)

{Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Counter: 378 - 500}

HEARING ON HB 617

Sponsor: **REP. ROGER KOOPMAN, HD 70, BOZEMAN**

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

REP. ROGER KOOPMAN (R), HD 70, opened the hearing on **HB 617**, Require notice of and filing of a certificate of death for abortions.

The REPRESENTATIVE informed the committee members that he is "Pro-Lifer" and wanted them to know that from the beginning of this discussion.

He stated that in 2003; 2,213 abortions were performed in the State of Montana. **REP. KOOPMAN** stated, "...I do not see numbers, I see 2,213 little kids." He spoke about his bill and said that this bill would not restrict or limit a woman's right to have an abortion. The REPRESENTATIVE also stated that New York has a similar statute.

REP. KOOPMAN spoke further of the hundreds of e-mails he has received from women who tell him "their stories" and who are in support of HB 617 and of the specifics of this bill.

[EXHIBIT\(juh39a06\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(juh39a07\)](#)

{Tape: 3; Side: A; Approx. Time Counter: 0 - 313}

Proponents' Testimony:

Greg Trude, Right to Life Montana, rose in support of HB 617 and informed the committee that Kentucky, Louisiana, Missouri and South Dakota have similar statutes.

[EXHIBIT\(juh39a08\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(juh39a09\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(juh39a10\)](#)

{Tape: 3; Side: A; Approx. Time Counter: 313 - 365}

Gilda Clancy, Montana Eagle Forum, spoke in support of HB 617.

[EXHIBIT\(juh39a11\)](#)

{Tape: 3; Side: A; Approx. Time Counter: 365 - 418}

Eric Schiedermayer, Montana Catholic Conference, spoke support of HB 617.

{Tape: 3; Side: A; Approx. Time Counter: 418 - 440}

Rachel Roberts, Montana Family Foundation, rose in support of HB 617.

{Tape: 3; Side: A; Approx. Time Counter: 440 - 460}

Harris Himes, Montana Family Coalition, rose in support of HB 617.

{Tape: 3; Side: A; Approx. Time Counter: 460 - 476}

Becky Stockton, self, rose in support of HB 617.

{Tape: 3; Side: A; Approx. Time Counter: 476 - 482}

Doug Nulle, self, rose in support of HB 617.

{Tape: 3; Side: A; Approx. Time Counter: 482 - 490}

Lyn Stumberg, self, rose in support of HB 617.

{Tape: 3; Side: A; Approx. Time Counter: 490 - 500}

Helen Myers, self, rose in support of HB 617.

{Tape: 3; Side: B; Approx. Time Counter: 0 - 6}

Opponents' Testimony:

Jeri Duran, Planned Parenthood of Montana, spoke in opposition to HB 617. **Ms. Duran** spoke to the committee members about the recent (1/18/05) article written by Bob Anez in the Independent Record and stated, "...this bill's only purpose is to be punitive [to women]."

EXHIBIT(juh39a12)

{Tape: 3; Side: B; Approx. Time Counter: 6 - 60}

Jan Van Riper, ACLU, rose in opposition to HB 617. **Ms. Van Riper** spoke to the statements made by the sponsor, especially the statement that NY state has a statute similar to this. She stated that NY state does not have a statute for this issue.

Ms. Van Riper continued with her testimony and stated for the committee members that the proper role of the legislature is to focus on constitutionality issues and that the legislature may not interfere, "...without a compelling state interest." The Montana and the United States Supreme Court have already ruled that a woman's reproductive rights are protected.

EXHIBIT(juh39a13)

{Tape: 3; Side: B; Approx. Time Counter: 60 - 170}

Kate Cholewa, National Abortion Rights Action League (NARAL), spoke in opposition and stated that this is a privacy issue.

{Tape: 3; Side: B; Approx. Time Counter: 170 - 204}

Bob Ream, Montana Democratic Party, rose in opposition and asked for the committee members to look at the fiscal note.

{Tape: 3; Side: B; Approx. Time Counter: 204 - 210}

Wade Sykowski, self, rose to oppose HB 617.

{Tape: 3; Side: B; Approx. Time Counter: 210 - 217}

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

REP. KOOPMAN closed the hearing on HB 617 and stated that this bill is not about inflicting suffering or trauma on women and that part of this bill is about protecting a woman's privacy.

The REPRESENTATIVE spoke of Attorney Bob Kelleher from Butte, who apparently has information or knowledge of the occurrence of baby parts from aborted babies being shipped to other parts of the world. **REP. KOOPMAN** stated that he supports fewer abortions as a proper social goal to encourage. He closed the hearing by reading to the committee members an e-mail from a woman regarding a friend's abortion.

{Tape: 3; Side: B; Approx. Time Counter: 217 - 380}

HEARING ON HB 701

Sponsor: **REP. MARK NOENNIG, HD 46, BILLINGS**

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

REP. MARK NOENNIG (R), HD 46, opened the hearing on **HB 701**, Revise estate and trust law. The REPRESENTATIVE stated that he brought this bill at the request of the State Bar Committee.

REP. NOENNIG explained each section of HB 701 to the committee members.

{Tape: 3; Side: B; Approx. Time Counter: 380 - 500}

{Tape: 4; Side: A; Approx. Time Counter: 0 - 43}

Proponents' Testimony:

Dan McLean, attorney, rose in support of HB 701. **Mr. McLean** further explained to the committee the purpose of this bill regarding trusts, estates and how the language is defined within the statute.

{Tape: 4; Side: A; Approx. Time Counter: 43 - 115}

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

REP. HARRIS asked Mr. McLean about the change in Section 1 in reference to "unintended consequences."

REP. CLARK spoke with Mr. McLean about Page 1, Line 19 regarding the problem with regulating living trusts.

{Tape: 4; Side: A; Approx. Time Counter: 115 - 204}

Closing by Sponsor:

REP. NOENNIG closed the hearing on HB 701.

{Tape: 4; Side: A; Approx. Time Counter: 204 - 248}

HEARING ON HB 695

Sponsor: **REP. JOEY JAYNE, HD 15, ARLEE**

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

REP. JOEY JAYNE (D), HD 15, opened the hearing on **HB 695**, Fund representation for indigent victims of domestic violence.

{Tape: 4; Side: A; Approx. Time Counter: 248 - 270}

Proponents' Testimony:

Klaus Sitte, Montana Legal Services Association, rose in support of HB 695 and informed the committee that his organization will no longer be receiving funding for the 44 counties that this bill would eventually appropriate.

{Tape: 4; Side: A; Approx. Time Counter: 270 - 319}

Kate Cholewa, Montana Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence, rose in support of this bill and again stated that the 44 counties will not have funding for legal assistance for the victims of domestic violence.

{Tape: 4; Side: A; Approx. Time Counter: 319 - 330}

REP. JEANNE WINDHAM, DOVES, rose in support of HB 695.

{Tape: 4; Side: A; Approx. Time Counter: 330 - 339}

Tawnia Ramstad, Violence Free Crisis Line, Kalispell, rose in support of HB 695 and spoke to the committee about her being an advocate/witness for victims of domestic violence.

{Tape: 4; Side: A; Approx. Time Counter: 339 - 383}

Amy Hall, Montana Legal Services Association, spoke to the committee members about the five chapters in Montana have domestic violence staff: Butte, Bozeman, Missoula, Helena, and Great Falls and the facts that there are no domestic violence staff for Eastern Montana.

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{Tape: 4; Side: A; Approx. Time Counter: 383 - 500}

Susan Hanson, DOVES, Montana Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence, rose in support of HB 695.

{Tape: 4; Side: B; Approx. Time Counter: 0 - 10}

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

REP. LANGE began the questioning of Mr. Sitte regarding the federal poverty level (125%) for qualifying for this assistance and why couldn't 133% be used as a qualifier. **Mr. Sitte** replied, "...that they can only provide service at the 125% level."

REP. NOENNIG spoke with Mr. Sitte about a bill that was brought forth in the 2001 session that would have applied a surcharge on divorce filings to pay for this type of legal assistance. **Mr. Sitte** replied that there was funding for \$75-80,000 for 1.5 FTE but the bill was written for only two years.

REP. MCGILLVRAY inquired of Mr. Sitte about private fund raising, "...has that ever been tried?" **Mr. Sitte** responded, "Yes, that is done and is always an ongoing project." **Mr. Sitte** also stated that there is pro-bono legal work done for these victims.

{Tape: 4; Side: B; Approx. Time Counter: 10 - 166}

Closing by Sponsor:

REP. JAYNE closed the hearing on HB 695 and informed the committee that from July 2003 to July 2004; there were 9,324 cases of domestic violence in Montana.

{Tape: 4; Side: B; Approx. Time Counter: 166 - 176}

HEARING ON HB 697

Sponsor: **REP. JOEY JAYNE, HD 15, ARLEE**

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

REP. JOEY JAYNE (D), HD 15, opened the hearing on **HB 697**, Revise sentencing of persistent felony offenders. The sponsor explained to the committee what this bill would do.

{Tape: 4; Side: B; Approx. Time Counter: 176 - 234}

Proponents' Testimony:

Bill Hooks, Montana Association of Criminal Defense Attorneys, rose to support HB 697 and spoke to the committee about the restrictions in the bill for certain offenders.

{Tape: 4; Side: B; Approx. Time Counter: 234 - 289}

Opponents' Testimony:

John Connor, Chief Criminal Prosecutor, Assistant Attorney General, rose in opposition to HB 697. He spoke to the committee about the 1991 Montana Supreme Court case: State v. Fitzpatrick where Mr. Fitzpatrick was a persistent offender as stated in 46-18-502 MCA. The statute Mr. Connor referred to stated that "it is not a sentence in addition to the sentence you receive."

{Tape: 4; Side: B; Approx. Time Counter: 289 - 365}

Marty Lambert, Montana County Attorneys Association, Yellowstone County Attorney, rose in opposition to HB 697 and stated that the underlying crime is not sufficient; there needs to be a persistent felony offender sentencing statutes.

{Tape: 4; Side: B; Approx. Time Counter: 365 - 428}

Doug Nulle, self, rose in support of HB 697.

{Tape: 4; Side: B; Approx. Time Counter: 428 - 446}

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

REP. JAYNE closed the hearing on HB 697.

{Tape: 4; Side: B; Approx. Time Counter: 446 - 500}

HEARING ON HR 2

Sponsor: REP. JON SONJU, HD 7, KALISPELL

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

REP. JON SONJU (R), HD 7, opened the hearing on **HR 2,** Urge opposition to federal requirements for birth certificates. **REP. SONJU** spoke about HR 418 in the United States Congress.

{Tape: 5; Side: A; Approx. Time Counter: 0 - 37}

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

REP. SONJU closed the hearing on HR 2.

{Tape: 5; Side: A; Approx. Time Counter: 37 - 40}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 240

Motion: REP. HARRIS moved that HB 240 DO PASS.

Discussion:

CHAIRMAN RICE did not recognize the **Motion of REP. HARRIS regarding HB 240**. The committee discussed when HB 240 and HB 91 could be heard for Executive Action in order to meet the transmittal date.

{Tape: 5; Side: A; Approx. Time Counter: 40 - 52}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HR 2

Motion/Vote: REP. HARRIS moved that HR 2 DO PASS. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

{Tape: 5; Side: A; Approx. Time Counter: 52 - 65}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 697

Motion: REP. GUTSCHE moved that HB 697 DO PASS.

Motion/Vote: REP. LANGE moved that HB 697 BE TABLED. Motion carried 14-4 by voice vote with REP. CLARK, REP. GUTSCHE, REP. HARRIS, and REP. NOONAN voting no.

{Tape: 5; Side: A; Approx. Time Counter: 65 - 74}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 695

Motion: REP. LANGE moved that HB 695 DO PASS.

Discussion:

Mr. MacMaster explained a Conceptual Amendment to insert "appropriate to use."

Vote: Motion that HB 695 BE AMENDED carried unanimously by voice vote.

Motion/Vote: REP. LANGE moved that HB 695 DO PASS AS AMENDED. Motion carried 17-1 by voice vote with REP. KOOPMAN voting no. {Tape: 5; Side: A; Approx. Time Counter: 74 - 100}

REP. CLARK inquired of CHAIRMAN RICE as to what is the intention of the CHAIRMAN RICE regarding HB 240. **CHAIRMAN RICE** stated, "...[we] hope to do [it] tomorrow...."

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 701

(Please Note: REP. WINDHAM AND REP. PARKER absent from room.)

Motion: REP. NOENNIG moved that HB 701 DO PASS.

Motion: REP. MCGILLVRAY moved that HB 701 BE AMENDED.

Discussion:

The committee discussed striking Section 1 in its entirety.

Vote: Motion that HB 701 BE AMENDED failed 4-14 by voice vote with REP. MCGILLVRAY, REP. RICE, REP. SONJU, and REP. STOKER voting aye. (REPS. WINDHAM, and PARKER voted by proxy vote.)

(Please Note: REP. WINDHAM returned to room.)

Motion/Vote: REP. HARRIS moved that HB 701 DO PASS. Motion carried 16-2 by voice vote with REP. MCGILLVRAY and REP. STOKER voting no. (REP. PARKER voted by proxy vote.)

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 659

Under Adopted House Rule H30-50, Procedures, Subsection 5, HB 659 was placed on the Committee of the Whole Agenda for second reading on February 17, 2005.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 222

Under Adopted House Rule H30-50, Procedures, Subsection 5, HB 222 was placed on the Committee of the Whole Agenda for second reading on February 17, 2005.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:35 A.M.

REP. DIANE RICE, Chairman

PAM SCHINDLER, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Roll Call
JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

DATE 2/17/05

<u>NAME</u>	<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>	<u>EXCUSED</u>
REP. DIANE RICE, CHAIR	X		
REP. RON STOKER, VICE CHAIR	X		
REP. PAUL CLARK, VICE CHAIR	✓		
REP. ARLENE BECKER	X		
REP. ROBYN DRISCOLL	X		
REP. GEORGE EVERETT	X	(late)	
REP. GAIL GUTSCHE	X		
REP. CHRISTOPHER HARRIS	X		
REP. ROGER KOOPMAN	X	(late)	
REP. MIKE LANGE	X	(late)	
REP. TOM MCGILLVRAY	X	(late)	
REP. MARK NOENNIG	X		
REP. ART NOONAN	✓		
REP. JOHN PARKER	X		
REP. JON SONJU	X		
REP. JOHN WARD	X		
REP. BILL WILSON	X		
REP. JEANNE WINDHAM	X		

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TABLED BILL

The **HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE** TABLED HB 561, by motion, on **Thursday, February 17, 2005**.


(For the Committee)


(Chief Clerk of the House)

8:00 , 2/17
(Time) (Date)

February 17, 2005

Pamela E. Schindler, Secretary

Phone: 444-4838



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Mr. Speaker:

We, your committee on **Judiciary** recommend that **House Bill 520** (first reading copy -- white) do pass as amended.

Signed:

Diane Rice
Representative Diane Rice, Chair

And, that such amendments read:

1. Title, page 1, line 5 through line 6.

Strike: "WHILE" on line 5 through "LAWS" on line 7

Insert: "TO A HEALTH CARE PROVIDER OR LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL REGARDING AN ALLEGED OFFENSE AGAINST THAT PERSON UNDER THE CRIMINAL LAWS RELATING TO SEXUAL OFFENSES AGAINST A PERSON MAY NOT BE USED IN A PROSECUTION OF THAT PERSON FOR THE OFFENSE OF BEING A MINOR IN POSSESSION OF AN INTOXICATING SUBSTANCE; PROVIDING THAT THE SAME PROTECTION EXTENDS TO A PERSON WHO HELPS THE VICTIM OBTAIN MEDICAL OR OTHER ASSISTANCE OR REPORT THE OFFENSE TO LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL"

2. Page 4, line 28 through page 5, line 2.

Strike: subsection (10) in its entirety

Insert: "(10) Information provided or statements made by a person under 21 years of age to a health care provider or law enforcement personnel regarding an alleged offense against that person under Title 45, chapter 5, part 5, may not be used in a prosecution of that person under this section. This subsection's protection also extends to a person who helps the victim obtain medical or other assistance or report the offense to law enforcement personnel."

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Committee Vote:
Yes 12, No 6.

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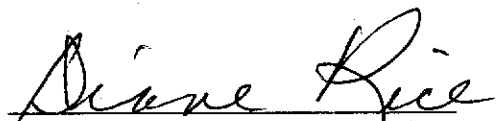
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Mr. Speaker:

We, your committee on **Judiciary** recommend that **House Resolution 2** (first reading copy -- white) do pass.

Signed:


Representative Diane Rice, Chair

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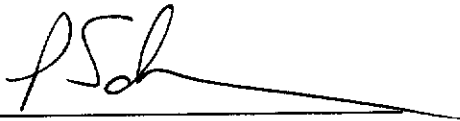
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Yes 18, No 0.

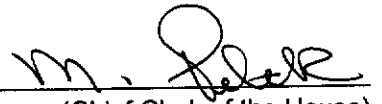
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TABLED BILL

The HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE TABLED HB 697, by motion, on **Thursday, February 17, 2005.**


(For the Committee)


(Chief Clerk of the House)

_____, 2/17
(Time) (Date)

February 17, 2005

Pamela E. Schindler, Secretary

Phone: 444-4838



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Mr. Speaker:

We, your committee on **Judiciary** recommend that **House Bill 695** (first reading copy -- white)
do pass as amended.

Signed: _____

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Diane Rice".

Representative Diane Rice, Chair

And, that such amendments read:

1. Page 1, line 12.

Strike: "appropriated"

Insert: "used"

- END -

Committee Vote:

Yes 17, No 1.

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Mr. Speaker:

We, your committee on **Judiciary** recommend that **House Bill 701** (first reading copy -- white) **do pass.**

Signed: _____

Diane J. Rice
Representative Diane Rice, Chair

- END -

Committee Vote:
Yes 16, No 2.

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Mr. Speaker:

We, your committee on **Judiciary** submit **House Bill 659** (first reading copy -- white) **without recommendation.**

Signed:

Diane Rice
Representative Diane Rice, Chair

- END -

Committee Vote:
Yes 10, No 10.

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Mr. Speaker:

We, your committee on **Judiciary** submit **House Bill 222** (first reading copy -- white) without recommendation.

Signed:

Diane Rice
Representative Diane Rice, Chair

- END -

Committee Vote:
Yes 10, No 10.

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Roll Call Vote

JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

DATE 2/17/05 BILL NO. HB561 MOTION NO. 1
 MOTION: Do Pass

NAME	AYE	NO	If Proxy Vote, check here and include signed Proxy Form with minutes.
REP. RON STOKER, VICE CHAIR		☒	
REP. ARLENE BECKER	☒		
REP. PAUL CLARK, VICE CHAIR	☒		
REP. ROBYN DRISCOLL	☒		
REP. GEORGE EVERETT		☒	☒
REP. GAIL GUTSCHE	☒		
REP. CHRISTOPHER HARRIS	☒		
REP. ROGER KOOPMAN		☒	☒
REP. MIKE LANGE		☒	☒
REP. TOM MCGILLVRAY		☒	☒
REP. MARK NOENNIG		☒	
REP. ART NOONAN	☒		
REP. JOHN PARKER		☒	
REP. JON SONJU		☒	
REP. JOHN WARD		☒	
REP. BILL WILSON	☒		
REP. JEANNE WINDHAM	☒		
REP. DIANE RICE, CHAIR		☒	

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Roll Call Vote

JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

DATE 2/17/05
MOTION: _____

BILL NO. S20 MOTION NO. 1

Do Pass As Amended

NAME	AYE	NO	If Proxy Vote, check here and include signed Proxy Form with minutes.
REP. RON STOKER, VICE CHAIR		☒	
REP. ARLENE BECKER	☒		
REP. PAUL CLARK, VICE CHAIR	☒		
REP. ROBYN DRISCOLL	☒		
REP. GEORGE EVERETT		☒	
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REP. CHRISTOPHER HARRIS	☒		☒
REP. ROGER KOOPMAN		☒	☒
REP. MIKE LANGE		☒	☒
REP. TOM MCGILLVRAY		☒	☒
REP. MARK NOENNIG	☒		
REP. ART NOONAN	☒		
REP. JOHN PARKER	☒		
REP. JON SONJU	☒		
REP. JOHN WARD	☒		
REP. BILL WILSON	☒		
REP. JEANNE WINDHAM	☒		
REP. DIANE RICE, CHAIR		☒	

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COMMITTEE PROXY

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I request to be excused from the JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

Committee because of other commitments. I desire to leave my proxy vote with:

REP CLARK

Indicate Bill number and your vote Aye or No. If there are amendments, list them by name and number under the bill and indicate a separate vote for each amendment.

HOUSE BILL/AMENDMENT

AYE NO

SENATE BILL/AMENDMENT

AYE NO

1/13	HB 6801. ajm amend	✓	
	HB 68		✓
2/1	HB 380	✓	
	HB 432	✓	
	HB 61		✓
2/2	Amend 28501	✓	
	Wimelham amend on HB 285	✓	
	Amend HB 280	✓	
	HB 280	✓	
2/7	Long amend to HB 222	✓	
	Noennig " " "	✓	
	Koopman amend to HB 222		✓
	HB 222		✓
2/8	HB 526, Noonan Amend #1	✓	
	HB 526, Noennig amend	✓	

	HB 526, Noonan amend #2	✓	
	HB 526 Noonan amend #3	✓	
	HB 526 TABLER		✓
	HJR 15	✓	
Stake	Amend to HB 238		✓
	Noonan amend to HB 238		✓
	HB 238 - Tabled		✓
2/9/05	HB 446 TABLE	✓	✓
	HB 446 DO PASS		✓
	Sub (2) of Sec 7 of HB 366	✓	
	Sub (1) of Sec 7 of HB 366	✓	
	HB 366		✓
2/9	Koopman amend to HB 476		✓
	Sonju amend to HB 476		✓
	HB 476	✓	
	TABLE HB 510		✓
	Becker Amend to HB 562	✓	
	HB 562	✓	

Rep/Sen.

(Signature)

2/17 HB 520

COMMITTEE PROXY

DATE: 2/8

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Judiciary

Committee because of other commitments. I desire to leave my proxy vote with:

Paul Clark

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HOUSE BILL/AMENDMENT

AYE

NO

SENATE BILL/AMENDMENT

AYE

NO

Long amend to HB222	✓	
Noennig " " " HB	✓	
Koopman amend to 222		✓
HB 222		✓
2/8 Noonan amend to HB 526 #1	✓	
HB 526, Noennig amend	✓	
HB 526, Norman amend #2	✓	
HB 526, Norman amend #3	✓	
HB 526 - TABLED		✓
Gutsche amend to HJR 15	✓	
Amend 9702 to HB 97	✓	
HB 97 Do Pass As Amended	✓	
HB 304 - Clark amendment	✓	
HB 304 - Noennig amend	✓	
HB 304 Do Pass As Amended	✓	
TABLED HB 284	✓	
TABLED HB 287	✓	
Stalen Amend to HB 238		✓
Norman Amend " HB 238		✓

2/8 HB 238 - TABLED		✓
Koopman amend to HB 476		✓
Sonju amend to HB 476	✓	✓
HB 476 Do Pass As Amended	✓	
TABLED HB 510		✓
Sonju Resolution - draft	✓	
Parker " draft	✓	
HB 577	✓	
HB 598	✓	
HB ✓ C.C.	✓	
2/17 McGillicuddy amend to HB 801		✓
HB 801 Do Pass	✓	

Rep./Sen.

John Parker

(Signature)

COMMITTEE PROXY

DATE: 2/17

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Committee because of other commitments. I desire to leave my proxy vote with:

Rep. Paul Clark

Indicate Bill number and your vote Aye or No. If there are amendments, list them by name and number under the bill and indicate a separate vote for each amendment.

HOUSE BILL/AMENDMENT	AYE	NO	SENATE BILL/AMENDMENT	AYE	NO
McGillivray amend to HB 101		✓			

Rep./Sen. Deanne Windham
(Signature)

COMMITTEE PROXY

DATE:

2/17/2005

I request to be excused from the

A. Judiciary

Committee because of other commitments. I desire to leave my proxy vote with:

Ron Stokes

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HOUSE BILL/AMENDMENT

AYE

NO

SENATE BILL/AMENDMENT

AYE

NO

HB 361		X
HB 520 AMEND		X
CRIME 207X HB 520 + AMEND	X	
HB 520 + 2 AMEND		X

Rep./Sen.

Thomas M. Kelly

(Signature)

COMMITTEE PROXY

DATE: 2/17/2005

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Committee because of other commitments. I desire to leave my proxy vote with:
Ron Stokun

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HOUSE BILL/AMENDMENT AYE NO

SENATE BILL/AMENDMENT AYE NO

HB 561		X
HB 520 Amend		X
HB 520+Amend	X	
HB 52042 Amend		X

Rep./Sen. Michael J. Foy
(Signature)

COMMITTEE PROXY

DATE:

2/17/2005

I request to be excused from the

A. Juchacz

Committee because of other commitments. I desire to leave my proxy vote with:

Don Stoker

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HOUSE BILL/AMENDMENT

AYE

NO

SENATE BILL/AMENDMENT

AYE

NO

AB 561		X
HB 520 Amend		X
HB 520+ Amend	X	
HB 520+2 Amend		X

		X

Rep./Sen.

Don Stoker
(Signature)

COMMITTEE PROXY

DATE:

2/17/2005

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Committee because of other commitments. I desire to leave my proxy vote with:

Ron Stoker

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HOUSE BILL/AMENDMENT

AYE NO

SENATE BILL/AMENDMENT

AYE NO

HB 561		X
2001/2002 HB 520 Attached #1		X
~~HB 520 Attached #2~~		

Rep./Sen.

George Everett
(Signature)

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JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

Date 2/17/05

Bill No. HB-693 Sponsor(s) Rep J. Wells

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Name and Address	Representing	Support	Oppose	Inf.
GARY MARBUT	MSSA	X		
Jim Kembel	MA COP MPPA		X	
Doug Nulle 37-D STONEY BROOK DRIVE, CLANCY	SELF	X		
GILDA CLANCY	WOMEN'S TNT SHOOTING ASSN	X		
Charles Robinson	Self	X		
Marty Lambert	Monty Attys Asso.		X	
Randy Morris	Dept of Admin		X	
HARRIS HIMES	MFC	X	X	
Wade Skank			X	
~~Jeff Edwards~~			X	
Jim Smith	MOPSA		✓	

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Date 2/17/05

Bill No. HB-617 Sponsor(s) Rep. R. Koopman

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Name and Address	Representing	Support	Oppose	Inf.
GILDA CLANCY	MT EAGLE FORUM	✓		
HARRIS HINES	MFC	✓		
Becky Stockton	Self	✓		
Lisa Anderson	Self			
Carrie Triplett	Self			
Wade Sikorski	Self		✓	
Jeki Duran	PPMT		✓	
Gregg Trule	PR & MT	✓		
DOUG NULLE 37-D SWEET BRIDGE DR., CLARK	SELF	X		
Judy Edwards	self		X	
Kate Chulena	NARAL		X	
Lynn Sturberg	Self	✓		
Eric Schiedermayer	MT Catholic Conference	X		
RACHEL ROBERTS	MT Family Foundation	✓		
Susan Hiken	Self	✓		
Mary Fay	self	✓		
Ann Koopman	self, mother of 4	✓		
Terri Taske	Self	✓		

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Bill No. HB-617 **Sponsor(s)** Rep. R. Koopman

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Jan VanRiper	ACLU MT		☒	
Becky Stockton	Self	☒		
Jeane Trude	Self	☒		
KATHERINE BECKLEY	YWCA OF MISSOULA		☒	
Patty Murphy	YWCA OF MISSOULA		☒	

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Date 2/17/05

Bill No. HB-695 Sponsor(s) Rep J. Jayne

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Name and Address	Representing	Support	Oppose	Inf.
Lisa Anderson 407 5th St. S. Great Falls, MT 59405	Self	☒	☐	
Amy Hall	Montana Legal Service	☒	☐	
Klaus Sitte	" Asso.	☒	☐	
Kate Cholera	MCADSV	☒	☐	
Dan McLean	MLSA - Board Member	☒	☐	
Jawonia Ramstad	Kali Spell Violence Free Crisis Line	☒	☐	
Jeanne Windham	DOVES, Polson, MT	☒	☐	
~~Donna McLean~~	~~DOVES, Polson, MT~~			
SUSAN HANSEN	DOVES Polson MT	☒	☐	
KATHERINE BECKLEY	YWCA of Missoula	☒	☐	
Patty Murphy	YWCA of MSLA	☒	☐	

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MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 59th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

Call to Order: By **SEN. BRENT R. CROMLEY**, on March 9, 2005 at 8:00 A.M., in Room 137 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Brent R. Cromley (D)
Sen. Aubyn Curtiss (R)
Sen. Jon Ellingson (D)
Sen. Jesse Laslovich (D)
Sen. Jeff Mangan (D)
Sen. Dan McGee (R)
Sen. Lynda Moss (D)
Sen. Jerry O'Neil (R)
Sen. Gerald Pease (D)
Sen. Gary L. Perry (R)
Sen. Jim Shockley (R)

Members Excused: Sen. Mike Wheat, Chairman (D)

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Valencia Lane, Legislative Branch
Mari Prewett, Committee Secretary

Please Note. These are summary minutes. Testimony and discussion are paraphrased and condensed.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 232, HB 354, HB 701, HB 598, HB 345, HB 146, HB 245
Executive Action: HB 232, HB 354, HB 701, HB 598, SB 493, HB 216

VICE CHAIR CROMLEY opened the hearing. He indicated that the order of the bills would be HB 232, HB 354, HB 701, HB 598, HB 345, HB 146, and HB 245. He opened the hearing on HB 232.

HEARING ON HB 232

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

REP. MARK NOENNIG (R), HD 46, opened the hearing on **HB 232**, Require presentence report to propose payment of IT charge.

REP. NOENNIG explained that HB 232 dealt with the surcharge charged in courts. He informed the Committee that the bill would extend the termination date and would require that presentence investigation reports include a directive that the surcharge be charged. He noted that the surcharge was the primary source of funding for information technology (IT) for Montana district courts and courts of limited jurisdiction. The surcharge applies to defendants convicted of any offense that is criminal, and to the initiating party in a civil or probate case for each defendant and respondent who appears in the case. He reported that the surcharge had not raised as much money as it should have for various reasons, including the fact that some judges omitted the charge.

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Proponents' Testimony:

Mary Phippen, Representing the Montana Association of Clerks of District Court, stood in support of HB 232.

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Jim Oppedhal, Administrator for the Montana Supreme Court, rose in support of HB 232 because it was an effort to insure adequate, long term, stable funding for court automation and IT projects. He mentioned that there were 102 courts of limited jurisdiction who use Full Court which is a modern court IT package. They want to make sure that the surcharges are applied uniformly.

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Ted Clack, Representing the Montana Magistrates Association, provided a written version of his testimony. He expressed that the Association was in strong support of HB 232 and he urged the Committee give a do pass recommendation.

EXHIBIT(jus52a01)

Tom Morrison, an Attorney from Helena, discussed the benefits of automating the court system. He urged the Committee to support the bill.

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Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None.

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VICE CHAIR CROMLEY requested that in the closing statement **REP. NOENNIG** address the specific language regarding the presentence reports.

Closing by Sponsor:

REP. NOENNIG cited Page 1, Line 30, of HB 232 which contained the language regarding the presentencing report. He explained that the language was a checklist. He indicated that the surcharge was required, but some judges overlook the requirement when they impose their sentences. He informed the Committee that the bill would highlight the surcharge in the presentencing investigation report that is given to the judge. He asked the Committee for a do concur vote.

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VICE CHAIR CROMLEY closed the hearing on HB 232.

SEN. SHOCKLEY volunteered to carry the bill on the Senate Floor.

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VICE CHAIR SHOCKLEY opened the hearing on HB 354.

HEARING ON HB 354

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

REP. MARK NOENNIG (R), HD 46, opened the hearing on **HB 354,** Revise mobile home landlord tenant law.

REP. NOENNIG informed the Committee that HB 354 was intended to fix and clarify the language of Montana's Abandoned Mobile Home Statute. The bill deals with the issue of an owner of a mobile home court dealing with an abandoned mobile home. He reported that the current law reads that the owner of the mobile home court can have an abandoned mobile home towed, stored, and charge the storage costs to the owner. The problem he saw with this was the expense. HB 354 would allow the mobile court owner the option of storing the abandoned mobile home on the premises or storing it off their property. The second issue the bill addressed was that after a mobile court owner follows proper procedure there is the right to have public or private sale of the motor home. The problem he expressed with this was that Uniform Commercial Codes were deleted. The bill would reinstate a reference to the Uniform Commercial Code for the procedure under private sale, this topic is covered on Page 2, Line 10-11. The third issue he discussed was the issue of a public sale. The third provision Page 2, Lines 12-17, of HB 354 addressed this topic.

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Proponents' Testimony:

Chris Christians, Representing the Montana Landlord Association, strongly supported HB 354.

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Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None.

Closing by Sponsor:

REP. NOENNIG asked for a do pass recommendation. He informed the Committee that he did not have a senator to carry the bill on the Senate Floor.

VICE CHAIR CROMLEY closed the hearing on HB 354.

SEN. O'NEIL offered to carry the bill on the Senate Floor.

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Counter: 11.9 - 12.7}

HEARING ON HB 701

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

REP. MARK NOENNIG (R), HD 46, opened the hearing on **HB 701**,
Revise estate and trust law.

REP. NOENNIG expressed that the State Probate and Trust Division of the State Bar requested that the bill be brought forth. He informed the Committee that each section of the bill did something different. He went through and explained Sections 1-4 of the bill and their purposes.

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Proponents' Testimony:

Dan McClain, Attorney from Helena and Member of the Business Estate Trust Tax and Real Property (BETTR), called the bill a clean-up bill. He expressed support of the changes to Section 1 dealing with unsuitable trusts, specifically. He explained in more detail what Section 3 pertained to. He also explained Section 4 in more detail. The most important aspect of the bill, in his opinion, was the second part of Section 4, Receipts for Liquidating Assets.

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Tom Morrison, an Attorney from Helena, Tax Lawyer and Vice Chairman of the BETTR Committee, strongly supported HB 701. He especially appreciated the section of the bill which would raise the limit to \$50,000 for informally avoiding probate. He claimed that this bill would help eliminate the unnecessary probates.

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Counter: 24.2 - 26}

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None.

Closing by Sponsor:

REP. NOENNIG closed on HB 701.

VICE CHAIR CROMLEY volunteered to carry the bill on the Senate Floor.

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VICE CHAIR CROMLEY closed the hearing on HB 701 and opened the hearing on HB 598.

HEARING ON HB 598

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Counter: 26.8 - 27}

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

REP. DAVE GALLIK (D), HD 79, opened the hearing on **HB 598**, Revise dates applicable to selection of trial juries.

REP. GALLIK informed the Committee that a bill passed last session to combine the jury pools was late in being implemented. HB 598 would delay the effective date of the combination of jury pool individuals until, as indicated in HB 598, 2007 with the applicability date of 2008.

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Proponents' Testimony:

Mary Phippen, Representing the Montana Association of Clerks of District Court, informed the Committee that the bill was brought forth at the request of the Clerks because it had become apparent that they could not meet the statutory requirements concerning the timeframe. She provided a fact sheet that was prepared by the Court Administrator's Office, reviewed by the Secretary of State's Office and the Department of Motor Vehicles' Office that explained the complexity of implementing HB 540. In order to maintain the integrity of the jury selection process the delay is necessary in her opinion. She spoke on behalf of Yellowstone County and their lobbyist Charles Brooks in support of HB 598. She had also talked to Al Smith of the Montana Trial Lawyers Association and Scott Chriehton of ACLU and discovered that they were not opposed to the bill. In addition, the Clerk and Recorders Association supported HB 598.

EXHIBIT(jus52a02)

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Elaine Gravely, Election Deputy for Secretary of State Brad Johnson, expressed that the Secretary of State's Office stood in strong support of HB 598.

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Brenda Nordlund, Representing the Department of Justice, spoke in support of HB 598. She indicated that the Department had been a partner in the process to implement the IT programs. She urged the Committee's support for HB 598.

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Nancy Sweeney, Lewis and Clark County Clerk of Court, rose in support of HB 598. She expressed that the clerks of court are very concerned with the quality of juries that would be developed after the procedure was implemented.

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Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None.

Closing by Sponsor:

REP. GALLIK stressed that it was important to pass HB 598 in order to ensure that juries were not challenged by individuals who are convicted. He indicated that **SEN. ELLINGSON** was carrying the bill on the Senate Floor.

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VICE CHAIR CROMLEY closed the hearing on HB 598 and opened the hearing on HB 345.

At this time, **SEN. MOSS** left the hearing.

HEARING ON HB 345

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

REP. DAVE GALLIK (D), HD 79, opened the hearing on **HB 345**, Revise time period for fraudulent transfer statute of limitations.

REP. GALLIK handed out two statutes, 31-2-333 and 31-2-334, which would be amended by HB 345. He explained that HB 345 would extend the period of time for which a cause of action for a fraudulent transfer may be filed. He brought the bill at the request of several business people who have found that there is

not a sufficient amount of time to bring forth a cause of action for a fraudulent transfer. He explained what he hoped to do with the changes in the two statutes. He gave the definition of a fraudulent transfer. He expressed that they had found that the time limit of two years, set forth in the fraudulence transfer statute, was not sufficient. He indicated that the bill had passed through the House without any problems. There was only one section which was stricken, the Retroactive Applicability, to ensure that the bill would be prospective only.

EXHIBIT(jus52a03)

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Proponents' Testimony: None.

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

VICE CHAIR CROMLEY asked **REP. GALLIK** why they had changed the words "extinguished" to "terminated" on Lines 13 and 14 of HB 345.

REP. GALLIK expressed that he had not requested that change but it came about by the Legislative Services drafters.

VICE CHAIR CROMLEY requested that **REP. GALLIK** speak briefly to Lines 21 and 22.

REP. GALLIK thought that the language in those two lines was trying to say that if there are two competing claims against the transfer or that one of those claims is not going to be deemed extinguished, or terminated, by way of the statute of limitations and the competing claims were going through the judicial system at the same time, then the time period for filing a claim would be extended for the claim which was filed second.

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VICE CHAIR CROMLEY asked **REP. GALLIK** to run through a scenario in which this bill might be applied.

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SEN. GARY PERRY, SD 35, MANHATTAN, cited Lines 21-22. He wondered if the language meant that the timeframes set forth in Lines 15-20 did not apply until the judgment was obtained.

REP. GALLIK affirmed **SEN. PERRY'S** statement. He reiterated that the statute of limitations would not start running until there was a judgement attained against an individual on a competing claim.

SEN. PERRY took this to mean that regardless of how long the lawsuit might go on there would be no limit.

SEN. GALLIK explained that there would be a limit it would be the exact same and it would not start until a judgment was obtained.

SEN. PERRY followed up by asking when the tolling began.

REP. GALLIK replied that the statute of limitations did not start to run until one of the two claims had a judgment against it. He clarified that the statute would start to run at the time the judgment was obtained by one of the competing claims on a fraudulent transfer.

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SEN. PERRY clarified that he had been asking about when the tolling began. He wanted to know if it was when the judgment was obtained or when the lawsuit was filed.

REP. GALLIK responded that the cause of action would arise at the time the fraudulent transfer was made or when there was actual knowledge of a transfer that was made which was fraudulent.

VICE CHAIR CROMLEY questioned **REP. GALLIK** in regard to a situation for a personal injury where an individual transferred property because they knew that they were going to be charged and the plaintiff found out that there was no money to be had because of the transfer. He wanted to know if the tolling period would apply to this scenario.

REP. GALLIK remarked that it would not in that claim because they were not talking about the transferred property being the subject of the claim against the transferor. He stressed that it only applied to the claim for fraudulent transfer.

VICE CHAIR CROMLEY continued asking about the scenario he put forth.

REP. GALLIK clarified that the statute of limitations begins from the time an individual learns that the other person transferred their assets or from the time the individual should have known. He wanted to pass this bill because it would recognize the length of time litigation takes and allow an individual to discover if they had a legitimate claim before they lose the ability to bring a fraudulent transfer claim.

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VICE CHAIR CROMLEY was unclear as to when the tolling takes place. He cited Lines 21 and 22.

REP. GALLIK remarked that the limitation periods are tolled until a judgment is obtained. If the property that was transferred was also the subject of another claim, where somebody else has the exact same situation, it is tolled until there is a judgment obtained by one or the other.

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At this time **SEN. MOSS** returned.

SEN. MCGEE requested that **REP. GALLIK** provide a layman's definition of toll.

REP. GALLIK explained that toll meant the statute of limitations would not start to run, it is put on standby until a further date.

SEN. PERRY referenced Lines 13-20. He presented the scenario of someone suing him, and he did not want to put assets at risk. If he transferred those assets, he wanted to know if it was a fraudulent transfer because he had knowledge that someone wanted to sue him or would it only be a fraudulent transfer after a lawsuit had been filed.

REP. GALLIK directed the Committee to look at 31-2-333 which explains a fraudulent transfer. He expressed that it was only fraudulent if an individual was going to transfer assets with the intent to hinder, delay, or defraud any creditor of the debtor without having reasonable equivalent value in exchange for the transfer.

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SEN. PERRY followed up indicating that until there was a judgment there would be no debtor.

REP. GALLIK responded that there could still be a fraudulent claim. If an individual knew that a person was going to sue them, and would most likely be successful, and they try to defraud the claimant, that would be a fraudulent claim and at that point in time the statute of limitation would start to run.

SEN. PERRY wanted to know how a person was to know who was going to win a lawsuit.

REP. GALLIK provided examples of cases which are fairly clear in the outcome.

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Closing by Sponsor:

REP. GALLIK offered to provide a specific memorandum explaining the answers to all of the questions put forth by the Committee before they took Executive Action. He did not have a Senator to carry the bill on the Senate Floor.

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VICE CHAIR CROMLEY closed the hearing on HB 345 and opened the hearing on HB 146.

At this time, **SEN. PEASE** and **SEN. ELLINGSON** left the hearing.

HEARING ON HB 146

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

REP. DAVE GALLIK (D), HD 79, opened the hearing on **HB 146**, Civil false claims act.

REP. GALLIK explained the history of a civil false claims act. He expressed that in HB 146 he was trying to repeat what the federal government had done in their False Claims Act Law. He thought that this bill was a good idea because the people of Montana had entrusted the legislature to take care of the budget. He explained that a false claim was one that was a request or demand for money, property, or services that is made by a third party to a governmental entity that is false and they know it is false. He walked through the bill and addressed a few areas where he would like to see amendments. He described mitigating factors that the government attorney could use. The section of the bill he was most concerned with was on Page 4, New Section 6. This language would allow a private citizen who found out, not

through the newspaper or court action, that an individual had made a false claim against the State to come forth and hand over the case to the Attorney General and share in the proceeds. He wanted to make sure that through an amendment they could clarify that it is not a criminal complaint but a civil complaint under the False Claims Act. In this instance, the private citizen could also carry forth a claim against the suspect if the Attorney General decides for some reason not to. The citizen would be entitled to 10-15% of the proceeds unless they were the only ones to prosecute, in which case they would be entitled to 25-50% of the recovery. He requested that the Committee consider placing back into the bill, on Page 6, Lines 12-13, the words "and the court finds that it was clearly frivolous or brought solely for harassment purposes." He briefly discussed the fiscal note attached to the bill. He brought forth the concern about the confusion with a civil or criminal claim.

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Proponents' Testimony:

Ali Bovington, Representing the Attorney General's Office, spoke in support of HB 146. She reiterated that the bill was a Civil False Claim Act which mirrored the federal law. They were in support because it would add another avenue of relief for state government when they do business with individuals or organizations who attempt to defraud the government.

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Jed Fitch, Representing the Montana Trial Lawyers Association, rose in support of the bill. He discussed the background of the Civil False Claims Act as well. He claimed that the bill was a governmental privatization initiative. He asserted that it could be used to deal with Medicaid and Medicare fraud. He supported the replacement of the stricken language and the insertion of the word civil.

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Harris Himes suggested that the bill mirror more closely the federal bill and the other states by taking out the section which would potentially make another person pay the attorney fees for a large corporation.

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Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

SEN. JERRY O'NEIL, SD 3, COLUMBIA FALLS, presented a scenario where an individual sued his ex-wife for fraud on a shared tax form for their child.

REP. GALLIK referred to Page 3, Lines 4-9, any and all claims against taxes would be exempted out. He noted that this was uniform with federal law.

At this time, **SEN. ELLINGSON** returned.

SEN. JEFF MANGAN, SD 12, GREAT FALLS, was curious why the Trial Attorneys would support a bill which stated that if an individual brought a frivolous action the person who brought the action would get stuck with the court and attorney costs. Yet, when other bills in non-governmental actions like this were brought before the Committee, the Trial Lawyers vehemently opposed them.

Mr. Fitch replied that they support the bill, although the particular section which **SEN. MANGAN** was discussing was not in other state's bills and they would like to see the whole section deleted. However, if that part was to remain in they would want to see the stricken language placed back in the bill.

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SEN. MANGAN wondered how **REP. GALLIK** saw this bill working with the Department of Justice and the laws and personnel that are already in place to deal with the issues at the CSED and for welfare fraud.

REP. GALLIK cited Page 3, Lines 23-26, Subsection D. He explained that if there was a present or former employee of the state and during the course of employment they discovered a fraud, they must bring it to the attention of their supervisors first.

SEN. MANGAN clarified that his question was how the bill would work in conjunction with other agencies. He wondered who would have precedence--the other agencies or this law.

REP. GALLIK thought that it would depend on who the whistle blower went to. If they went to a government attorney, that attorney would have precedence. He deferred the question to Ms. Bovington.

Ms. Bovington believed that if there was a false claim against a state agency and there were separate specific laws dealing with that particular claim, those claims would trump the Civil False Claims Act. She explained that if there is a more specific statute, it would apply over a more general statute.

SEN. MANGAN asked Ms. Bovington if she thought that they needed to clarify the language in the bill or if it was clarified in other statutes.

Ms. Bovington thought that it was clear because of the rules of statutory interpretation. She also had a hard time thinking of an example when there were specific regulatory statutes that would apply and conflict with this particular bill.

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SEN. MANGAN was troubled by the payment to the whistle blower. He wondered if **REP. GALLIK** saw a potential problem with an individual finding out about a false claim and waiting to report it in order to receive a larger percentage of the proceeds. He wanted some assurance that the payment was necessary and would not be abused.

At this time **SEN. PEASE** returned to the Committee hearing.

REP. GALLIK expressed that, if the whistle blower was a government employee, they have an obligation to inform their superiors and would not be able to take advantage of the bill's payment. However, he had found that if the payment of money is taken out then there is no need to have the bill. The point of the payment of money is that it is the incentive to have people stay the course with the case.

REP. MANGAN followed up by asking if **REP. GALLIK** knew if State Fund would provide money to the individuals who turned others in for fraud.

REP. GALLIK answered that he did not know for sure, but he did not think that they do. He promised to find out for the Committee.

REP. MANGAN, assuming that they don't, wanted to know if **REP. GALLIK** would say that they have been successful in encouraging people to watch out for fraud without having to pay a monetary award.

REP. GALLIK did not know. He knew that they had a paid staff of investigators who go after solely these types of false claims.

He thought that this bill would add another way, without costing taxpayers, another way of protecting taxpayer dollars.

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SEN. MCGEE addressed the stricken language which **REP. GALLIK** wanted added back into the bill. He wanted to know where the language was stricken.

REP. GALLIK replied that it had been stricken in House Judiciary.

SEN. PERRY asked who originally requested the bill.

REP. GALLIK answered that he had been the one to request the bill.

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SEN. PERRY referred to Page 5, Line 22, where it said, "If a private citizen participated in the act or acts found to be in violation..." He wanted to know if that private citizen would be called a co-conspirator or co-perpetrator.

REP. GALLIK thought that what the language was trying to get at was that, if this private citizen had some inside knowledge of the fraud, it would give the court the out to prevent that individual from receiving the cash because they were complicit in the setting up of the fraud.

SEN. PERRY followed up citing that 50% under any circumstance was the highest compensation a private citizen would receive.

REP. GALLIK affirmed this statement.

At this time **SEN. PEASE** left the hearing.

SEN. PERRY wondered if it was possible that a disgruntled employee might find incentive in this bill to bring a fraudulent claim and expect a reasonable settlement without going to court.

REP. GALLIK hoped that it would not be the case. He noted that the bill was not for an individual bringing a fraudulent claim or a false claim but rather must prove that they have the ability to prove that there has been a knowing false claim made against the State of Montana, that resulted in the loss of money for Montana. He agreed that **SEN. PERRY'S** scenario might happen but he did not see that happening.

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SEN. PERRY cited Page 4, Lines 13-21. He wondered if the other 50% would go to the government agency.

At this time **SEN. MOSS** returned to the meeting.

REP. GALLIK affirmed that the money would go back to the governmental entity--State of Montana.

REP. PERRY asked when the interests of the governmental entities would be adequately represented by the private citizen in any case. He was not aware of any case where a private citizen would file a lawsuit on behalf of a governmental entity.

REP. GALLIK explained that the governmental entity had first choice to decide if they want to go forth. If they chose not to, the private citizen would have the right to go forth on their own. If the government attorney decides that the State of Montana's interests were not being adequately represented, they have the right to intervene in the case.

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SEN. PERRY understood that but wanted to know when the interests of the government entity were being adequately or not adequately being represented by a private citizen in a court of law.

REP. GALLIK thought that it would be decided on a case by case basis and would be decided by the government attorney or by the court.

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SEN. PERRY clarified that he was asking if there were any other cases or circumstances where a private citizen representing themselves, also represents a government entity in a privately filed complaint in which the government entity itself may receive half or more of any damages awarded in such a case.

Ms. Bovington explained that this was very common in cases against pharmaceutical companies, where a whistle blower brings forth a case. In response to the question of when can a private citizen adequately protect the interests of a governmental entity, in the context of litigation, she stated that it would have to be dealt with case by case. She imagined that if there was a complaint brought by a private citizen, and based on the information the government had at the time the complaint was brought, they decided it was not worth pursuing, but the plaintiff went forward with the case anyway; there is a situation

where that private citizen could potentially receive a judgment where the State's interest was adequately represented.

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SEN. PERRY thought that the legislation was revolutionary and precedence setting in the bill. He wanted to know if there were private citizens filing lawsuits anywhere at anytime on behalf of a government entity through which the result may be that the government entity may receive damages.

Ms. Bovington offered to do research on the topic.

SEN. SHOCKLEY wanted to do away with Section 11, which dealt with costs and attorney's fees. He felt that if that Section was dealt with then the problem of a private citizen becoming rich, would be dealt with.

REP. GALLIK thought that the costs and attorney's fees had to be in the bill because if they were removed there would be no way to find an individual who would prosecute it through to a judgment. If it was that good a case, then the Attorney General would take it on.

{Tape: 3; Side: A; Approx. Time Counter: 4 - 6.9}

SEN. SHOCKLEY mentioned that if the government decided to enter into a case they had originally passed on, they would be taking on the costs and fees yet the private citizen would still receive 10-15%.

REP. GALLIK referenced Page 4, Lines 17-21, Subsection 4 of Section 6. In the scenario **SEN. SHOCKLEY** put forth, the private citizen would retain the principal responsibility for full control of the action.

VICE CHAIR CROMLEY thought that the federal statute did not have the attorney fee provision.

REP. GALLIK clarified that the federal statute has the attorney fee provision but they do not have the attorney fee provision that allows the person who has been alleged to be defrauded to file a claim against the private citizen and get their attorney fees paid for.

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SEN. MCGEE asked for a definition of private citizen.

REP. GALLIK could not cite that statute that defined private citizen but he knew that a citizen is one that is an individual, not an entity. He thought that a person, as it was defined, included all of the entities. Whereas, a private citizen cannot be anything other than an individual.

SEN. MANGAN asserted that he was an entity, as a contractor, although he was the only one in the company. If he knew of a scam against the State of Montana and he came forward with it, he wanted to know if he could come forward as Dan McGee or if he would have to come forward as McGee and Co.

REP. GALLIK thought that he would have to come forward as Dan McGee, the private citizen.

SEN. MCGEE wanted to know why **REP. GALLIK** would want it that way.

REP. GALLIK did not know, although he thought that it would not be a problem to change the bill to allow for the other possibility.

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SEN. MANGAN noted that in the original bill, 17-8-231 was repealed. He wanted to know what the reason was for the House removing this section of the bill.

REP. GALLIK believed that the reason they removed the section was that if HB 146 went into law then the current False Claims Act would be conflicting. He deferred the question to Ms. Bovington.

SEN. MANGAN mentioned that the House had taken out the repealer so that both laws would be on the books if HB 146 passed. He wanted to know how Ms. Bovington saw the two laws working together.

Ms. Bovington responded that the bill had originally been drafted to repeal 17-8-231. She mentioned that the Department of Justice had a bill that was sponsored by **REP. HARRIS**, HB 40, which was the reverse false claims bill. In terms of coordinating these two pieces of legislation, she explained that the decision was made to strike the repealer from **REP. GALLIK'S** bill, keeping 17-8-231 on the books and also HB 40 if it passed.

REP. MANGAN followed up by asking how Ms. Bovington saw all of these statutes working together, especially when the current statute says a "penalty not to exceed \$2,000 plus double the damages sustained by the State."

Ms. Bovington explained that HB 146 on Page 2, Lines 20-21, include language that constitutes a reverse false claim. Therefore, the Department's amendments to Title 17 would not be necessary. She expressed that the only part of HB 40 that would remain would be the amendment to Title 45, the criminal false claims statute. She felt that if HB 146 were to pass then the repealer should be restored.

{Tape: 3; Side: A; Approx. Time Counter: 12.8 - 16.9}

Closing by Sponsor:

REP. GALLIK informed the Committee that because HB 40 did not have the tax exemption, **REP. HARRIS** had asked **REP. GALLIK** to ask the Committee to fold in HB 40 with HB 146. This would provide for the reverse false claims with the False Claims Act and there would be no need for a repealer. He indicated that instead of using the word "civil" they would prefer to place on Page 1, Line 10, between the words "of Montana" and "false claims," "Montana civil false claims." He suggested doing this also on Page 4, Line 6, renaming the bill to "Civil Complaint by Private Citizen." He wanted to fashion the law after the federal False Claims Act since it was proven to work well. He reiterated that he wanted Page 6, Lines 12-15, deleted. He reminded the Committee that they were trying to find another tool to make sure that the taxpayers' money was properly spent and used effectively. He urged do pass for HB 146.

{Tape: 3; Side: A; Approx. Time Counter: 16.9 - 21.5}

VICE CHAIR CROMLEY closed the hearing on HB 146 and opened the hearing on HB 245.

HEARING ON HB 245

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

REP. GARY MACLAREN (R), HD 89, opened the hearing on **HB 245**, Require parental consent for body piercing of a minor.

REP. MACLAREN commented that HB 245 was a result of a constituent's request. He explained that the purpose of the bill was to add body piercing to the same regulations that govern tattooing of minors. This would simply require that the piercer verify that the minor has parental consent. He reserved the right to close.

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Proponents' Testimony:

Jackie Trude, Representing Eagle Forum, asserted that she was responsible for the care and protection of her children. She felt that it was her right to know about the piercing of her children. She related the story of her daughter's tongue piercing. She called the bill pro-parent and urged a do pass consideration by the Committee.

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Harris Himes, Representing the Montana Family Coalition, related stories from the days when he was in the Navy. He felt that if there was parental consent necessary there would not be circumstances where a teenager is under peer pressure or the influence of a drug when they get a piercing. He urged a do pass recommendation and suggested placing language in the bill to cover future evolutions of body alterations.

{Tape: 3; Side: A; Approx. Time Counter: 25.4 - 27.5}

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None.

Closing by Sponsor:

REP. MACLAREN reiterated that the bill would only add body piercing to the same sections which cover tattooing. He requested a do concur.

{Tape: 3; Side: A; Approx. Time Counter: 27.5 - 28.8}

VICE CHAIR CROMLEY closed the hearing on HB 245. He opened Executive Action on HB 232.

Executive Action on HB 232

Motion/Vote: SEN. LASLOVICH moved that HB 232 BE CONCURRED IN. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote with SEN. MANGAN and SEN. WHEAT voting by proxy.

{Tape: 3; Side: B; Approx. Time Counter: 0 - 1.9}

Executive Action on HB 354

Motion/Vote: SEN. O'NEIL moved that HB 354 BE CONCURRED IN. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote with SEN. MANGAN and SEN. WHEAT voting by proxy.

{Tape: 3; Side: B; Approx. Time Counter: 1.9 - 3.6}

Executive Action on HB 701

Motion: SEN. LASLOVICH moved that HB 701 BE CONCURRED IN.

Discussion: SEN. AUBYN CURTISS, SD 1, FORTINE, had a question relative to Section 4, Page 2. She thought that the bill was retroactive for a long period of time. She wanted Ms. Lane to comment.

Valencia Lane, Legislative Fiscal Analyst Assistant, explained that the retroactive applicability date applied only to Section 4 of the bill. Section 4 of the bill had to do with the estate tax returns. The goal was to allow individuals whose family member died when the tax credit was still available would be able to take advantage of the credit.

{Tape: 3; Side: B; Approx. Time Counter: 3.6 - 5.3}

SEN. JESSE LASLOVICH, SD 43, ANACONDA, addressed Line 26, of Page 2. He indicated that the language "decendent dying" should be stricken and "person who died" should be added.

Ms. Lane wanted to be careful in taking out the word decendent because through the entire act, there were references to decendent.

SEN. LASLOVICH agreed but reiterated that decendent dying sounded redundant.

VICE CHAIR CROMLEY commented that if he was going to change the wording it would be changed to "decendent who died prior to."

{Tape: 3; Side: B; Approx. Time Counter: 5.3 - 7.8}

Motion/Vote: SEN. LASLOVICH moved that HB 701 BE AMENDED TO STRIKE THE WORD "DYING" AND INSERT THE WORDS "WHO DIED" ON PAGE 2, LINE 26. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote with SEN. WHEAT and SEN. MANGAN voting by proxy.

EXHIBIT (jus52a04)

Motion: SEN. SHOCKLEY moved that HB 701 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.

Discussion: SEN. SHOCKLEY commented that they might be able to strike a section of code. He wanted to know if they couldn't just remove the whole section.

Ms. Lane replied that they shouldn't do that because there were still estates open which could take advantage of the credit. She knew that the bill was requested by the State and Trust Division of the State Bar Association and they had chosen to amend it instead of repeal it. She suggested that before they repeal it, the Committee should ask the State and Trust Division about the issue.

SEN. SHOCKLEY clarified that the law that was in effect on the 31 of December, 2004, would cover the open estates.

Ms. Lane repeated that she did not know enough about the laws to answer these questions accurately.

{Tape: 3; Side: B; Approx. Time Counter: 7.8 - 11.3}

VICE CHAIR CROMLEY agreed with SEN. SHOCKLEY.

SEN. SHOCKLEY explained that Certified Public Accountants have to use the tax code in effect the year of an individual's death.

Vote: Motion carried unanimously by voice vote with SEN. WHEAT and SEN. MANGAN voting by proxy.

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Ms. Lane commented that there needed to be a senator to carry the previous bills.

VICE CHAIR CROMLEY replied that HB 354 would be carried by SEN. O'NEIL and he volunteered to carry HB 701.

Executive Action on HB 598

Motion/Vote: SEN. PERRY moved that HB 598 BE CONCURRED IN. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote with SEN. WHEAT and SEN. MANGAN voting by proxy.

{Tape: 3; Side: B; Approx. Time Counter: 12.3 - 13.6}

VICE CHAIR CROMLEY indicated that **SEN. ELLINGSON** would carry HB 598 on the Senate Floor.

Executive action on SB 493

Motion: **SEN. LASLOVICH** moved that SB 493 BE CONCURRED IN.

Discussion: **SEN. LASLOVICH** informed the Committee that SB 493 was the bill he introduced prior to transmittal that dealt with motor vehicle liability insurance. He also indicated that **SEN. SHOCKLEY'S** bill had to coordinate with SB 493.

Brenda Nordland, Representing the Department of Justice, explained what the policy question was which was prevented by the possible coordination between SB 493 and SB 205, which the Senate passed. She cited Page 3, of SB 493, Lines 9-17. The policy question she presented to the Committee was whether they wanted to do a driver's license suspension under the current law and apply it to the second or subsequent violation. She noted that the current law position as amended by SB 205 would require the suspension of the driver's license until such a time as the individual provides proof of compliance with 61-6-301. She explained that **SEN. SHOCKLEY'S** bill changed the law so that driver's license suspension would start at second offenses instead of fourth or subsequent offenses. The difference between **SEN. SHOCKLEY'S** bill and **SEN. LASLOVICH'S** was that, upon report of the second or subsequent conviction, the driver's license would be suspended and would not be reinstated until the driver produced the SR-22 showing proof of future responsibility, directly from the insurance carrier to the Motor Vehicle Division. She provided a copy of the SR-22 form and the SR-26 form.

EXHIBIT(jus52a05)

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SEN. SHOCKLEY inquired about the cancellation policy of the SR-22.

Ms. Nordland replied that the only way an SR-22 could be canceled is if the insurance company gave the Department of Justice at least ten days' notice of the cancellation.

SEN. SHOCKLEY thought that this would essentially accomplish what the preexisting system was already doing. He suggested killing SB 205.

Ms. Nordland remarked that it was a system that worked and the industry was comfortable with the use of the system.

SEN. SHOCKLEY offered to table his bill in the House.

{Tape: 3; Side: B; Approx. Time Counter: 20.1 - 21.4}

Motion/Vote: **SEN. LASLOVICH** moved that SB 493 BE AMENDED WITH SBO49301.ALK. Motion carried 11-1 by voice vote with **SEN. O'NEIL** voting no and **SEN. WHEAT** and **SEN. MANGAN** voting aye by proxy.

[EXHIBIT\(jus52a06\)](#)

Motion: **SEN. LASLOVICH** moved that SB 493 BE AMENDED TO INCLUDE HB038502.ALK.

[EXHIBIT\(jus52a07\)](#)

Discussion: **SEN. LASLOVICH** explained that the amendment would make the bill apply to a second or subsequent offense.

SEN. MCGEE asked if this would emulate **SEN. SHOCKLEY'S** bill.

SEN. LASLOVICH expressed that **SEN. SHOCKLEY'S** bill would have taken the license plates away, while his bill made it mandatory that on the second or subsequent offense an individual must get the SR-22 insurance.

{Tape: 3; Side: B; Approx. Time Counter: 21.4 - 24.3}

SEN. SHOCKLEY commented that SB 493 would be more workable for the industry.

Vote: Motion carried unanimously by voice vote with **SEN. WHEAT** and **SEN. MANGAN** voting by proxy.

{Tape: 3; Side: B; Approx. Time Counter: 24.3 - 24.8}

Motion: **SEN. LASLOVICH** moved that SB 493 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.

Discussion: **SEN. O'NEIL** thought that there was a section of the Constitution which stated that a person has a right not to incriminate themselves.

SEN. LASLOVICH did not know constitutional law. He referred the question to **SEN. SHOCKLEY**.

SEN. SHOCKLEY remarked that the 5th Amendment provided that right.

SEN. O'NEIL followed up by asking where an individual had given up their right against self incrimination because according to Page 1, Line 17, an individual has to respond to a survey which asks if they have a vehicle and whether or not it is insured. He felt that they would incriminate themselves if they answered that they did have a car but did not have insurance.

SEN. MCGEE believed that the bill applied to individuals who had already been convicted of not having insurance. He thought that they were trying to follow up on individuals who have been convicted of not having insurance to make sure that they get their insurance at some later time. To him it was similar to a parole or probation period in the sense that it was part of their conviction. He did not see that there was a fifth amendment situation where they were yielding their rights.

SEN. SHOCKLEY asserted that another way of looking at this survey was: the government gets to ask the question but the individual does not have to answer.

{Tape: 4; Side: A; Approx. Time Counter: 0 - 1.3}

SEN. O'NEIL interpreted the bill to mean that the survey would be given to individuals when they were no longer being charged with anything. He thought that if the survey was part of the sentence he would not have a problem with it. However, since they have not lost the right to self-incrimination he felt that the bill was inappropriate. He attested that if they did not have to answer the survey then there was no reason to have it in the bill.

SEN. MCGEE responded that **SEN. O'NEIL'S** supposition was that the person did not have the insurance or did not want to answer the survey. However, the bill would allow the State to ask the question. The point he wanted to make was that an individual might have bought the insurance and want to inform the State. He stressed that these individuals would not be implicating themselves.

{Tape: 4; Side: A; Approx. Time Counter: 1.3 - 3.2}

SEN. LASLOVICH agreed with **SEN. MCGEE**. He stated that this bill would allow the Department to randomly survey those convicted. He reminded the Committee that **SEN. HANSON** had carried a bill at the beginning of session which requested that all people be surveyed. He explained that they had paired this down to

encompass only those who had been convicted of driving without insurance.

SEN. PERRY wanted to know if the fiscal note was still accurate because the date on it was February 21.

SEN. LASLOVICH replied that it was no longer accurate. He expressed that the reason it had changed was the amendments which they had added during the meeting. He indicated that the amount of money entering the general fund would be decreased.

SEN. PERRY asked if the rest of the fiscal note was still accurate.

SEN. LASLOVICH thought that it would be because the rest of the fiscal note applied to the full-time-equivalents associated with the survey.

SEN. PERRY followed up by asking why Part 1 of the assumptions said SB 493 requires surveys, but Line 13 of the bill said that the Department or its agent may ask to perform a survey.

SEN. LASLOVICH did not know why the fiscal note said requires when the bill said may.

Ms. Nordland reported that the fiscal note was built off of **SEN. HANSON'S** fiscal note. She indicated that the wording was may and if the intent was must then the bill would need to be reworded.

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SEN. PERRY cited Line 13 of the bill. He was confused because on Line 1 of the Assumptions it stated that surveys were required of individuals who were convicted of no automobile insurance violations over the past five years.

SEN. LASLOVICH answered that in Assumption 1 of the fiscal note the wording meant convicted of not having automobile insurance, not that the individual had been convicted of no violations. He clarified that the bill stated that individuals who were convicted over the last five years could be randomly sampled by the Department and what **SEN. PERRY** was wondering about the "no" in Assumption 1 of the fiscal note.

{Tape: 4; Side: A; Approx. Time Counter: 7.5 - 11}

SEN. O'NEIL commented that he felt that the bill was harassing individuals and that the fiscal note would not be as large as expected.

Vote: Motion carried unanimously by voice vote with SEN. MANGAN and SEN. WHEAT voting aye by proxy.

{Tape: 4; Side: A; Approx. Time Counter: 11 - 12}

Executive Action on HB 216

Motion: SEN. MCGEE moved that HB 216 BE CONCURRED IN.

Discussion: SEN. MCGEE indicated that there was an amendment for the bill.

EXHIBIT(jus52a08)

SEN. MCGEE informed the Committee that on Page 2, Subsection 8, Lines 9-11, he had a question regarding the phrase "rights to earnings." He was curious if this could result in the employer of the obligor being responsible for payments. He explained what the amendment would do to the bill's language. He wanted to make sure that the records of the employer would not be subjected to scrutiny.

Ms. Lane clarified the language.

{Tape: 4; Side: A; Approx. Time Counter: 12 - 16.3}

Vote: Motion carried unanimously by voice vote with SEN. WHEAT and SEN. MANGAN voting by proxy.

{Tape: 4; Side: A; Approx. Time Counter: 16.3 - 16.6}

Motion/Vote: SEN. MCGEE moved that HB 216 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED. Motion carried 11-1 by voice vote with SEN. SHOCKLEY voting no and SEN. WHEAT and SEN. MANGAN voting aye by proxy.

{Tape: 4; Side: A; Approx. Time Counter: 16.6 - 17.2}

Ms. Lane brought to the Committee's attention that HB 245 would conflict with SB 137. She indicated that SB 137 was extensive and would adopt a board to regulate body alterations. She expressed that the two bills needed to coordinate and she would not be able to coordinate them unless there was a policy decision. She suggested that a senator who was interested in either of the two bills should visit with the sponsors and determine the policy decision.

SEN. LYNDA MOSS, SD 26, BILLINGS, believed that SB 137 was SEN. LEWIS' bill from the Public Health Committee. She thought that

it would be worthwhile to visit with **SEN. LEWIS** to come forward with an alternative. She offered to meet with him in order to discuss the bill.

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SEN. O'NEIL wanted to know how an individual could have indirect partial ownership as it related to HB 216.

Ms. Phieffer responded that they could list out all the different types of business interests but they were trying to cover all of the possibilities of an interest in a business that might include limited liability. She indicated that they wanted an individual who had a financial interest in the business and some rights to management. She was not prepared to give the alternate scenarios.

Motion/Vote: **SEN. O'NEIL** moved to RECONSIDER THE MOTION on HB 216. Motion failed 1-11 by voice vote with **SEN. CROMLEY**, **SEN. CURTISS**, **SEN. ELLINGSON**, **SEN. LASLOVICH**, **SEN. MANGAN**, **SEN. MCGEE**, **SEN. MOSS**, **SEN. PEASE**, **SEN. PERRY**, **SEN. SHOCKLEY**, and **SEN. WHEAT** voting no with **SEN. MANGAN** and **SEN. WHEAT** voting no by proxy.

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ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:18 A.M.

SEN. MIKE WHEAT, Chairman

MARI PREWETT, Secretary

BRITT NELSON, Secretary

MW/mp/bn

Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([jus52aad0.PDF](#))

MONTANA SENATE 2005 LEGISLATURE

ROLL CALL

JUDICIARY

DATE 3-9-05

NAMES	PRESENT	ABSENT	EXCUSED
SEN. MICHAEL WHEAT, CHAIRMAN			X
SEN. BRENT CROMLEY	X		
SEN. AUBYN CURTISS	X		
SEN. JON ELLINGSON	X		
SEN. JESSE LASLOVICH	X		
SEN. JEFF MANGAN	X		
SEN. DAN McGEE	X		
SEN. LYNDA MOSS	X		
SEN. JERRY O'NEIL	X		
SEN. GERALD PEASE	X		
SEN. GARY PERRY	X		
SEN. JIM SHOCKLEY	X		
VALENCIA LANE, LSD	X		
MARI PREWETT, COMMITTEE SECRETARY			

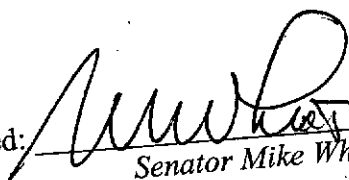


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Mr. President:

We, your committee on **Judiciary** recommend that **House Bill 216** (third reading copy -- blue) be concurred in as amended.

Signed: 
Senator Mike Wheat, Chair

To be carried by Senator Jesse Laslovich

And, that such amendments read:

1. Page 2, lines 10 through 11.
Strike: "an interest" on line 10 through "exercised" on line 11
Insert: "full or partial ownership with rights to participate in general management and control that are derived from the full or partial ownership interest"

- END -

Committee Vote:
Yes 11, No 1.

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Mr. President:

We, your committee on **Judiciary** recommend that **House Bill 232** (third reading copy -- blue) be concurred in.

Signed:

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Senator Mike Wheat, Chair

To be carried by Senator Jim Shockley

- END -

Committee Vote:
Yes 12, No 0.

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Mr. President:

We, your committee on **Judiciary** recommend that **House Bill 354** (third reading copy -- blue) be concurred in.

Signed: _____

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Senator Mike Wheat, Chair

To be carried by Senator Jerry O'Neil

- END -

Committee Vote:
Yes 12, No 0.

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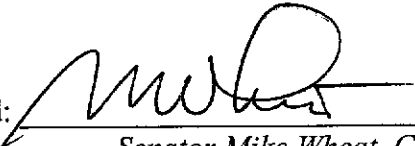
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Mr. President:

We, your committee on **Judiciary** recommend that **House Bill 598** (third reading copy -- blue) **be concurred in.**

Signed:


Senator Mike Wheat, Chair

To be carried by Senator Jon Ellingson

- END -

Committee Vote:
Yes 12, No 0.

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Mr. President:

We, your committee on **Judiciary** recommend that **House Bill 701** (third reading copy -- blue) be concurred in as amended.

Signed: _____

Senator Mike Wheat, Chair

To be carried by Senator Brent Cromley

And, that such amendments read:

1. Page 2, line 26.
Following: "decedent"
Strike: "dying"
Insert: "who died"

- END -

Committee Vote:
Yes 12, No 0.

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Mr. President:

We, your committee on **Judiciary** recommend that **Senate Bill 493** (first reading copy -- white) do pass as amended.

Signed: _____

Senator Mike Wheat, Chair

And, that such amendments read:

1. Page 3, line 18.

Following: "report of a"

Insert: "second or subsequent"

2. Page 3, line 26.

Following: "and"

Insert: ", commencing from the date of license reinstatement,"

3. Page 4, line 13.

Following: line 12

Insert: "COORDINATION SECTION. Section 6. Coordination instruction. If both Senate Bill No. 248 and [this act] are passed and approved, then Senate Bill No. 248 is void."

- END -

Committee Vote:

Yes 12, No 0.

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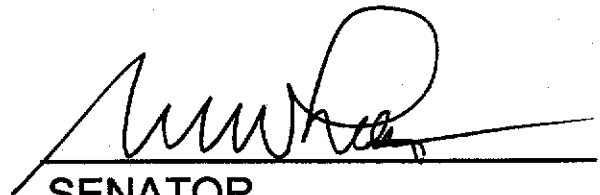
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PROXY VOTE

I, the undersigned, hereby authorize Senator Cromley to

vote my proxy on any issue before the Senate Judiciary

Committee held on 3/9, 2005.

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SENATOR
STATE OF MONTANA

PROXY VOTE

I, the undersigned, hereby authorize Senator LaLovich to
vote my proxy on any issue before the Senate Judiciary
Committee held on 3.9, 2005.

HB 232 : Yes

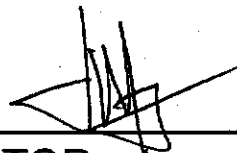
HB 354 : Yes

HB 701 : YES & YES TO AMENDMENT

HB 598 : Yes

SB 493 : Yes

HB 216 : YES & YES TO AMENDMENT



SENATOR
STATE OF MONTANA

DATE

March 9, 2005

SENATE COMMITTEE ON

Judiciary

BILLS BEING HEARD TODAY:

HB 701, HB 598, HB 354,
HB 345, HB 245, HB 232, HB 146

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NAME	PHONE	REPRESENTING	BILL #	SUPPORT	OPPOSE
~~HB 598~~ Mary "Marty" Phippen	201-262-2459	MT. Assn. Clerks of District Court	~~HB 232~~ ~~HB 598~~	X	
HARRIS HINES		MFC	245	✓	
Elaine Shandy	4-5376	SES	598	✓	
Greg Nove	444-1776	DOT - MUD	598	✓	
Jed C. Fitch	443-3124	MT Trial Lawyers	HB 146	X	
Ted Clack	442-9071	MT Magistrates	HB 232	X	
Joni Oppedahl	444-2621	Court Administration	HB 232	X	
Nancy Sweeney	447-8015	Lewis & Clark Co. Clerk of District Court	HB 598 HB 232	X	
THOMAS C. HARRIS	443-1040	VICE CHAIR MT BAR BETTER COMM	HB 232 HB 701	X	
Breton Nord	444-2713	MT Dept of Justice	HB 598	X	
Ali Burzydon	444-5876	Att Gen's office	HB 146	X	
Jaquie Trade	458-8609	Eagle Forum	HB 245	X	
CHRIS CHRISTIANS	868-6406	MLA	HB 345	X	

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